Sri K. F. PATIL.—After a detailed survey as to how far one seed farm will be able to cover, it has been decided that only 3 are necessary—at the most four for South Kanara will do and not five at all.

1-00 P.M.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—When was that decision taken ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The decision was taken very recently, about three or four months back.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—May I know the number of farms that this Government is going to start in South Kanara ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—We have only two at present and we will have one more next year. If necessary perhaps in 1960–61 one more will be taken up.

Sri GAJANANA PANDIT.—Which are the areas where these farms are to be located ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—One at Samur, second at Belthangadi and the third at Brahmawar.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—Is it not a fact that a State farm was proposed in Coondapur and acquisition proceedings were almost taken but the Government stopped the proceed ings ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It was inspected by the Deputy Director of Agriculture and it was found that the land was not good and the cost of improvement would be very high.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—May I bring to the notice of the Government that the Officer never visited the locality ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It is the report of the Deputy Director of Agriculture that the land is not good.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—Will the Government consider the question of starting a farm in Coondapur ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Brahmawar is very near Coondapur.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—Brahmawar is not near Coondapur. The farm at Brahmawar will not be able to serve the needs of Coondapur.

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The farm at Brahmawar is worked up. If necessary the Government will consider the question of taking up another farm in Puttur or Coondapur.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Fire Accident in Basavangangur Village, Shimoga Taluk.

Q.—10. Smt. RATHNAMMA MADHAVA RAO (Shimoga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that on account of fire accident on 10th March, 1959, about 70 houses in Basavangangur village in Shimoga Taluk were destroyed;

(*b*) whether they have received a report from the Deputy Commissioner;

(*c*) if so, the total estimated loss incurred by the villagers;

(*d*) whether relief has been provided to the sufferers;

(*e*) if so, the nature and extent of relief granted;

(*f*) whether there are frequent fire out-breaks in Shimoga Taluks during summer;

(*g*) if so, whether the Government would consider the necessity of posting a Fire Brigade Unit at Shimoga to meet such a situation ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Approximately Rs. 66,405—

(*d*) and (*e*) By way of immediate relief, an amount of Rs. 1,320 has been distributed to the sufferers. In addition, building materials of the value of Rs. 2,092·24 nP. have been sanctioned and necessary mafi passes are being issued. An additional allot ment of Rs. 5,000 has been placed at

the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for affording relief to the sufferers.

(*f*) Accidental fire is a common occurrence in winter and summer seasons, particularly in areas where thatched houses exist.

(*g*) A proposal to have a Fire Extinguishing Unit at Shimoga is under examination.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾಧವರಾವ್.—(ಡಿ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ building materials ಗಾಗಿ ಹಣ, ಮಾಫಿ ಪಾಸುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಕಮೀಷನರ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ನೊಂದವರಿಗೆ ಸಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರಕಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಧಾರಾಳವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾಧವರಾವ್.—ಹೋದ ವರ್ಷ ಅಯನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಅನಾಹುತ ವಾದಾಗ ಮಾಫಿ ಪಾಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಒಬ್ಬೊಬ್ಬರ, ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ನಾನು ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈಗಲು ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಮಾಫಿ ಪಾಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ದೊರಕಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಫೀಸರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅವರು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾಧವರಾವ್.—ಬೊಮ್ಮನ ಕಟ್ಟೆ ಎಂಬಲ್ಲಿ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅನಾಹುತ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅಗ್ನಿ ಶಾಮಕದಳವನ್ನು ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಗ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡುಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಬಹಳ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಆ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನೂ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—It is stated in answer to (*f*) that accidental fire is a common occurrence due to the thatched houses that exist there. What steps have the Government taken to see that these thatched houses are converted into tiled houses?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—We have to intensify our rural housing scheme.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Have the Government any plan before them?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Housing scheme is the only scheme.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Agency to look after the Welfare of Harijans.

*Q.—95. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any agency in the State to attend to Harijan welfare ;

(*b*) the duties of Special Officers and Special Shekdars connected with the work regarding the welfare of Depressed Class people ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the above officers serve only as propagandists as they have not been given any special powers ;

(*d*) whether they intend to delegate certain powers to these officers to enable them to do constructive work?

A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Social Welfare, Excise and Prohibition).—

(*a*) Yes. The Department of Social Welfare.

(*b*) A statement showing the naeure of duties and powers of these officials is appended.

(*c*) No. They are liaison Officers between Government and the Scheduled Castes people. They attend to the duties entrusted to them and are exercising the powers conferred upon them.

(*d*) Yes. The question of delegating additional powers is under consideration of Government.